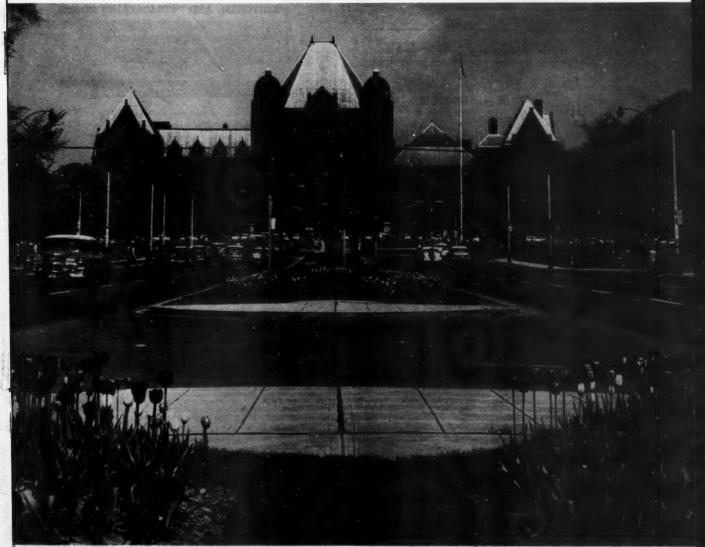
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Militant and

Passive Faith

The Editor's Message

HE WRITER OF Hebrews told us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Not to have faith is not to please God. The greatest thing in life is to please God, therefore it follows that the greatest thing in life is to have faith. Naturally, this faith we are exhorted to have is not an ill-founded or irresponsible faith in things or persons that are finite, secular, or insignificant. Our faith is to be planted firmly in God—His person and His Word. Not to have faith of this type is to be less than God expects of us. To have faith in God and His Word is to please God and make ourselves potent forces for good and abiding witnesses of the fact, love, and splendor of God.

How much faith must we have in God? Effective faith. That is all. We should not worry too much about degrees of faith, but in all things we should have effective faith. There is only one plane of effective faith, and we have only to reach this plane to receive from God that which we ask. We had to reach this plane of faith in order to be saved, the same plane of faith to be healed of a headache, the same plane to be healed of cancer, the same plane to receive whatever we desired. There are no multitude of faith levels, or one more acceptable than the others. There is one enduring and stedfast plane of faith acceptable in God's sight. This is the place of effective faith. It takes as much faith for one thing as for another that we ask of God. No doubt, some of you will say that you have not found it so in your Christian experience, that it requires more faith for some things than for others. I think that the truth is that life itself is like the surface of the earth, filled with mountains here and valleys there. We find it harder to reach the plane of effective faith in some things than we do in others. The level of effective faith is not higher in one instance than another, but it is more difficult to reach at times because our starting point is much lower. For instance, if I am in need of a sum of money, it is easier for me to believe that God will give me \$5 than to believe that He will give me \$500. I do not need more faith to receive the \$500 than to receive the \$5, but exactly the same level of faith. Actually, conditions make me much nearer to faith for \$5 than for \$500. This makes it seem to me that it requires less faith to receive the lesser amount. Such is not the case. There is only one level of effective faith. It is no higher for big things than for little things—but my starting point is often lower for big things than for little things. It might be said that when I ask for something little, I by nature stand near the top of the hill, and when I ask for something great, nature places me low in the valley. Thus the plane of effective faith is harder to reach for great things than for little things; not because the faith required is greater but because my own nature has made that plane harder to be reached.

Knowing this, we should be encouraged that we need no greater faith for greater things than for little things, and the fact that we receive little favors from God is proof sufficient that we can receive great things.

OUR FAITH then falls into two general categories: Militant and Passive Faith. That which we shall call passive faith is a faith which believes because it cannot do otherwise. Faith is easy because it meets no resistance. This faith works and receives great things from God, but it owes its very existence to the fact that it is naive and uninformed. The man who because he has never heard anything to the contrary believes that God created the earth has faith in God and should be recognized as having it. Nevertheless, he has faith only because he knows just the favorable side of the subject. Passive faith believes, but that belief has never been contested and has never had to resist opposition. It is easy to have passive faith. All Christians have much such faith.

Militant faith is active and believes when all evidence tends to prove that it is false. For instance, a man with militant faith knows the theory of evolution. He hears what the critics say. He is aware of anti-Christian theories, and still believes that what God has said is true. The person with passive faith may believe that he will get well because he does not know how sick he is. The man with militant faith can know how sick he is but still believe that he will recover. Militant faith overrides all obstacles. It knows both sides of the proposition. It sees, and hears, and recognizes everything that would deny it, but still it

... And if Children"

LLOW ME, PLEASE, to pluck three words from the heart of Romans 8, verse 17, as the foundation for my message. My purpose in picking only three words is certainly not an attempt to disassociate the words from the beautiful chapter they are taken from, but rather to enlarge upon the weightiness of the promise extended to every Christian, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

There are certain Biblical passages which seem especially meaningful and beautiful, and fairly seem to tower above all the other Biblical mountain peaks. Almost immediately, the Bible reader thinks of Hebrews 11, the faith chapter; 1 Corinthians 13, the treasured love chapter; Matthew 5-7, the powerful Sermon on the Mount; and Psalm 23. Among these Biblical Himalayas one must include Romans 8 for it is certainly such a chapter. An interesting fact about these chapters is that familiarity with them does not breed contempt, but rather increases en-

dearment and appreciation for them. The eighth chapter of Romans is heavily laden with doctrinal weightiness; it is a chapter that begins with positiveness, "There is therefore now no condemnation," and concludes with the radiant assurance that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The Apostle, however firm and positive, doesn't utter such statements ignorant of the conflicts to be waged by the Christian. He is well aware of the fierce battles of the spirit vs. flesh; but he is affirming that after the last fiery dart has been shot at the believer, after the last long trial has been endured, and after the last painful season of famine has spent itself. these things shall not tear us apart nor sever us from His tender love.

Grammatically, the words, "and if children," are not able to stand alone as a sentence; taken from their setting they would mean nothing at all. Yet they are as verbal garlands when identified with the matchless beauty of the entire chapter. It connects the first half of the chapter with the last, for none of the blessings of sonship or adoption would be possible if we were not accepted as children in the sight of God. Accepting Christ as Saviour is a personal matter; no one can make life's biggest decision for us, however intense their desires or fervent their prayers for us. But once accepted into the family of God, we begin to realize that we are not called to be spiritual orphans, but rather are called to the warmth and love of His banqueting house and to the fellowship

of His family. God Himself is the Father, and the household is composed of many sons and daughters. We see, then, the advantages and blessings of God's family plan!

In this land of ours, we are blessed with so many good things, and yet the home, in many cases, is disintegrating. It is true that the house is becoming increasingly modern-comfortably and lavishly furnished and equipped with countless contrivances and laborsaving devices. It is also painfully apparent that family ties are held loosely and that great breaches exist in the home lives of many people. My being a pastor takes me into the home to minister to the needs and requests of many people, and in this work, I cannot help but recognize this home breakdown, this family crack-up. Junior races home from school to refuel his energies, and then out again as quickly for an aimless evening in town. Mary is only a step behind Junior getting out again for a carelessly planned evening with friends. Caught in the middle of this helter-skelter existence, not knowing how to check it, are Mother and Dad. About all they know to do is step aside as the children fly out the door and shake their heads in admitted helplessness. Many times the only contact made at all between father and son is when they touch each other's hand as the father hands over his car keys to the boy. Juvenile delinquency? A different stock of children than they used to produce? Parental delinquency? It seems to be a result of both.

But thank God this is not the picture in every home, for there are thousands who are still able to enjoy the blessings of a real home life. There is scarcely anything more beautiful than this: a closely knit home with harmony and consideration prevailing; with the father in his God-given place as head of the home; with the mother ably but quietly filling her many-faceted role as mother, homemaker, nurse, guide and teacher; with the children finding their proper place, showing respect for their parents and reverence for their God.

It is with this beautiful picture in mind that I would like to draw comparisons with the "household of faith," and the "children of God," for many of the things which go to make a beautiful home situation, are also to be found in the spiritual life.

Discipline is a cruel word to some, for it bespeaks of subjection and surrender, and some people would rather die than yield, even to God. But if we are children, there must be a breaking of wills and a subjection of desires to the wishes of the Father. The highest desire of the Father is that we should constantly

By Garold D. Boatwright Pastor

discipline our lives to the cross. Admittedly to the carnal man, this is one of the sternest demands of the Christian life, but without it there can be no genuine Christian living, for it was even Christ "who hath called us that we should follow in His steps." His steps led Him to the whipping post, to the wilderness to be tempted, to polluted judgment halls, and finally through the winding streets of Jerusalem to the little knoll on the fringe of the city, called Golgotha. Did not He speak of this discipline that He prescribes for us when He said, "But the Son of man hath not where to lay his head"? Even Christ kept His body under subjection. Could greater discipline be expressed than Christ's shouldering the sins of the world on His pain-racked body at Calvary. So then, He, our elder brother, calls us to a life of holiness and to a life disciplined to the cross.

The great value of training can be seen in little children who are trained, and it can also be appreciated when we see children who lack training. It is very disgusting to see parents allow a child to run wild at home or church with no attempt at all to discipline him for fear of disobedience. Are we as God's children willing to accept chastising for our eternal good from our Father? It is easy to look at the aimless little child, shake our heads, and say, "What it needs is a little discipline! Let the spanking hurt a little; let the salty little tears course down, but by all means, let the child know he can't run the show." But is it as easy to look at ourselves in the light of Calvary, and say, "Crucify me, that Christ may live through me, and control my attitudes, actions and words, that I might be more like Jesus." It is by this that we may grow, and by these things men live! I do not suggest that God accomplishes this in our lives at the total loss of personality or individuality, but rather that more people may see our good works and, by recognizing God in our lives, glorify our Father which is in heaven. God does it so that the whole body might best be served, and not be ruled by the warped, prejudiced desires of one or two who are spiritually undisciplined. Someone has said very truthfully, if bluntly, "Some people try to wag the whole dog when they are only the tail."

"And If Children" We Must Gladly Assume Responsibility

ANY well-organized home has an agreement whereby each member assumes certain duties about the house. Where this is not to be found, some members of the home will be needlessly overworked.

By this they may become bitter because of their lot in life and censorious of the rest of the family. When some are overworked, naturally someone else shirks his duties and soon becomes lazy, shiftless, and totally inconsiderate of anyone's rights. All this comes because someone refuses to face responsibility and tackle the job at hand. Someone has said, "Some church members are so heavenly minded that they're of no earthly good; some are so earthly minded they're of no heavenly good." We are in a spiritual warfare, it is true, but God never intended for us to have religion that removes us a million miles from reality, or an experience that isolates us from real responsibilities. Is it not only fair that God, in His great pattern for our lives, desires to give to every one of His children certain household duties? God has a calling for us all. Not only does He send men out to preach His word in the full time ministry, but He needs good witnesses in factories, businesses, and schools. Because we have never felt a calling to the ministry, we should never feel that God is far removed from our life's work or our life's interests.

Many people with a professed zeal for God have shown that their words are far ahead of their real desires by the flagrant manner in which they have avoided any type of responsibility in His work. Let a challenge for workers be hurled out, and the ranks begin to thin like Gideon's army. Sure, the work goes on and God blesses, but not to the credit of these sideline soldiers who run at the sight of blood, sweat and struggle. God still has some loyal children who love their Father, love their brethren, and love the work the "family" is engaged in. Test youself! Do you hate the word responsibility but love the word freedom? Do you hate the word duty but love the word deliverance?

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How beautiful it is, on the other hand, to see the person who is diffusing the light and life of Christ by bearing burdens, lightening loads, accepting challenges, exuding a living compassion, and visiting the fatherless and widows in their afflictions. This, James declares, is PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED. I reiterate the challenge, we have a responsibility to win the lost, teach the babes, feed the sheep, clothe the naked, and answer the cry of the Macedonian who cries for us to come over and help him. Has your ear become deaf to his cry? Has your hand become limp and lifeless at your side while the lost cry for a helping hand?

"4nd If Children," We Are Invited to Share the Joys and Warmth of Home

When I am privileged to visit my father and mother, it matters not where they may live, I always feel genuinely at home. The house may be strange and totally new to me, but I never feel like a stranger nor an intruder when I walk in, for I am a son and there is a closeness between us that makes me feel welcome and wanted and warm on the inside. While there is a quiet, stately dignity attached to the home, there is also a welcome air of informality

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Christianity

Active or Passive

By Yvonne Alford

RAGING RIVER PULLS, prods, tears down, and suddenly destroys. A quiet lake seeps under, surrounds, decays, and eventually destroys. There is action involved in both processes without which neither could be completed. The river's action is decisive, moving and powerfully progressive. The action of the lake is lethargic, aimless, and inertly progressive. Each of these processes brings about a result. The difference is in the method employed. The river with its dynamic surge, demands our attention. The stealthy creeping of the lake may pass unnoticed.

Christianity, as such, is greatly handicapped by its passive constituents. They are interested in, they adhere to, they are a part of—but they do not actively support. The work of the church is important to them, but not sufficiently important to demand their best. There are perfectly natural, perfectly human reasons for this attitude.

It is less exerting to sit in the audience and listen to the choir sing than it is to join the choir and help them sing. It is much easier to listen to the Sunday School teacher explain the lesson than it is to study on your own and contribute to the study of the lesson. It requires a lot less sacrifice to hope a new mission will soon be established than it does to finance an additional missionary. A passive Christian follows the path of least resistance. He is content as a hearer of the Word.

A Christian obsessed with passivism avoids criticism and often appears to be just a regular guy—"one of the boys." He is faced with very little opposition. Rarely is one opposed unless he is proposing. The church member who votes neither way in a decision relative to a building program does not feel any personal concern if the debt is not taken care of. He does not feel remorseful when he forgets to pledge \$20 a month toward the indebtedness. After all, he is not responsible for the debt; why should he feel obligated? Brother Jones' wife will not be criticized for her too-brown chicken if she takes no part in the church supper. Perhaps if you do not mention Christ among your friends, they will forget that you are "different." It is so much easier to be a Christian

spectator than it is to be a Christian participator.

Spiritual nonchalance is not as harmless as we would like to think. If we are not working toward an immediate goal, it is more than possible that we will lose sight of our ultimate goal. There can be little enthusiasm for the unseen without a great deal of enthusiasm for the seen. A passive attitude toward Christian endeavor if maintained over a period of time can become a natural pattern. A feeling of irresponsibility develops. Gradually it becomes quite natural to "forget" even the barest essentials of Christian living—church attendance, giving, Bible reading, and prayer. If left unchecked, this passivism toward good will develop into an objective support for bad. Unless one is actively engaged in promoting he is passively engaged in demoting.

Active Christian endeavor is as far removed from passivism as light is from darkness. The two are heterogeneous. They are not even remotely related. The activated Christian is interest, enthusiasm, exertion, and insatiable vision personified. Nothing is too hard or too ticklish for him to tackle. Christ, Church, Christianity . . . these to him are Life. He is emphatically aware of his spiritual sonship—his responsibility as a representative of the kingdom. Not only does he support, he stimulates others to support. His life is built around his Christian duty . . . that he feels he owes his Saviour, and thus altruistically gives. Time, money, and ability are allotted accordingly.

The actively active Christian is not spiritually bashful. The most inveterate criticism falls as though on deaf ears. He is not deterred by desenting desenters. If Sister Brown does not believe in foreign missions, he does not tuck his head and assume an attitude of neutrality. What he knows to be right, he supports. A deep, spiritual conviction guides his thinking and his action. He is possessed of a torturing passion to use himself up for Christ and others in whatever capacity he may find himself.

Active Christian endeavor has direction. This type of endeavor does not amble aimlessly. There is a goal toward which it strenuously presses. Its roots are firmly established in the Bible and it is nourished daily by soul-culturing prayer. The grasping fingers of "not-enough-time" are repelled by the sturdy hand of "work-for-the-night-draweth-near." Apathy, unconcern, and discouragement are terms unknown to the man who is driven by a divinely fed vision of lost humanity.

It is as though the work of Christ were a steampowered locomotive. The conductor, the trainmen, the fireman, the engineer, and the lowly redcap contribute each his part toward the maintenance and operation of the train so that it may successfully reach its destination. The passenger merely boards the train and thereafter sits and is ministered to. The crewmen are actively responsible for the completion of the journey, while the passengers are only passively interested. They have simply come along for the ride.

Activity does not necessarily signify action, but action cannot be consummated without activity. Where (Continued on page 10)

The Spirit

of Pharisaism

By Mauldin Ray Pastor

IS CHURCHES HAVE long been crumbled into the dust. His scrolls have been perpetually rolled. His flowing robes moth eaten. His alms spent by beggars' hands. His prayers have died upon the air, but the spirit of the Pharisee refuses to die or pass away.

One may have difficulty in finding Pharisees unless he goes to church. It was there that Jesus found their forefathers; it was there that Jesus warned His disciples of them, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." Begotten by church-going parentage, these children have forgotten neither this habit, nor their unequaled skill at finding "the chief seats in the synagogues."

The Pharisees believed in the maintenance of outward form to the neglect of inward purity. In short, this is hypocrisy. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" Christ warns in Matthew 23:25, "For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

Sham, pretense, hypocrisy seem to be as strong today as ever, not only in religion, but in various walks of life. "How can I profess?" not "How can I possess?" is uppermost in the minds of many. It is amusing, as well as pathetic, to see a mental patient pretend to be Napoleon, Jesus, or some i maginary personality. This is understandable for it is explainable. But how can we explain the common practice of professing but not possessing?

Pharisees proclaimed the highest standards in order to make their sins seem less noticeable. A tree with abnormally big leaves may readily use them to hide its lack of fruit. There are those who preach against wrong passionately in order to convince their hearers that they possess its opposite virtue. However, condemning a vice does not assure the person that he has developed the virtue.

The Greek word for Pharisee means separatist, and that is exactly what he was. But, in itself, is there virtue in being a separatist? The Pharisee separated himself religiously, thinking himself better than others. On one occasion when one went to the temple to pray, he would not so much as let his

robes touch the defiled garb of the sinner; nor would he let the echo of his pompous prayer mix with that repentant cry, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This attitude prevented him from association with the sinner, but did it separate him from a more formidable foe, the impurity of his own heart? God wants and calls for a separated people, but to believe that separation assures spiritual purity is fallacious reasoning and has its roots in Pharisaism. Neither separation from the world nor mixing with it, in itself, will guarantee religious purity or predict spiritual pollution. This is what Christ meant when He said, "But those things which proceed out of the . . . heart . . . defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts . . . these are the things which defile a man."

Pharisaism is like leaven in dough; it is not noticed unless it is unproportionately strong. But a little will develop gradually until the whole is leavened. Is it not wise to heed the warning of Jesus and become aware of what these separatists believed, lest we allow their doctrine to pollute our own lives as well as our churches?

Yes, the spirit of Pharisaism is still alive in the thoughts, beliefs, and actions of some people. It will continue to live so long as we allow it to kill the spiritual life of believers. Guard against this monster. It will commit spiritual murder!



HE BIBLE clearly teaches that in the early church many were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues as proof of their experience. In these last days there are people who claim this same experience, while many others dispute it saying "tongues have ceased." Believers of this experience agree that the time will come when there will be one universal language, but until then there will be divers tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10). When will tongues cease? In 1 Corinthians 13:10 we read. "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Does that apply to the perfect completion of the New Testament? No! The New Testament is complete—we still have divers tongues. When Christ comes and gives us our perfect, glorified bodies, we shall know as we are known; then all the languages that originated at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11) will cease to be spoken, and the one original language that was lost at that time will be restored. It was restored in part at the tower of Pentecost (Acts 2:4), and many since then have been filled and thrilled by the heavenly language, speaking directly to God by the Spirit.

The prophet, Zephaniah, (Zephaniah 3:9-15) saw the time when the Lord would be King and return to the people a pure language. When Jesus comes to earth as King of Kings, He will bring a pure language. I know of no purer language than the one spoken by the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Holy Ghost has a language. Jesus said He shall speak (John 16:13), and He fulfilled this prophecy in Acts 2:4. The Spirit can speak every language known by man (Acts 2:8) but, thank God, He can speak one language that no man can speak, except he speaks by the Spirit.

Tongues are for a sign to the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 14:22), and as long as we live in a world of unbelief God will have Spirit-filled people for a sign. If you want to go to heaven, God has some signs along the way to guide you. If you do not want to get lost, just follow the signs. We are told that in the last days, some will forsake the right way and go astray, following the way of Cain, who had no definite proof that he was accepted of God. In Hebrews 11:4 we find that Abel had ample proof of God's blessing because he obtained the witness by God's testimony. How? "He being dead, yet speaketh."

GOD DID NOT leave his people without a witness, and the witness is not a mere possibility but a positive reality. Noah's bird returned to the ark with "plucked leaf"-not one that had been found floating on the water, but a fresh one plucked from a tree. This was evidence that the water was abating. Has God's holy bird, the dove of peace, brought proof to you of your baptism? In Matthew 3:16 we are told that Jesus received the Holy Ghost as a dove and a voice came from heaven witnessing Him to be the Son of God in whom the Father was well pleased. He was a Son thirty years before He received the witnessing Spirit. Are you a son of God, born of the Spirit? Have you so consecrated your life to God that the voice of the Holy Spirit has witnessed? If not, do as Jesus did and you will hear from the same Father. Jesus

Tongues She

By A. H. Bat Evangelist

Note: It is the writer's desire to make clear the difference between the gift of tongues is to be able to speak one of the many languages being spok during the millennium. The unknown tongue is the language of the Holy Call other languages cease to be spoken, the unknown tongue will be the one everyone, and that without an interpreter.

was in the humble act of prayer when he received the Holy Ghost (Luke 3:21). In Luke 11:13 and Acts 5:32, we are told He gives the Holy Ghost to them who love and obey Him. Do not make the mistake of claiming the Spirit Baptism until you hear His voice, for Jesus said, "When the Comforter is come, . . . He shall testify" (John 15:26). He made it even plainer in John 16:13, for He said, when He comes "He shall speak." In Acts 2:4 we find He did speak when He came. In Acts 10:46, when they received the blessing, they also spoke in tongues and magnified God. In Acts 19:1-9 Paul found believing, waterbaptized disciples, yet they had not received the Holy Ghost. In the first service he conducted, twelve men

received the Spirit Baptism and spoke in tongues

and prophesied. Amen.

The question is often asked, "Were the hundred and twenty in Acts 2 understood?" The answer is yes and no. First, let me say that when the Spirit fell, not one from the seventeen nations had gathered; but when the noise of one hundred and twenty men and women shouting and speaking in tongues (as a result of their Spirit Baptism) was heard abroad, the three thousand came out to see what it was. They did not understand and asked, "What meaneth this?" They were all amazed, some were confounded, and others mocked. All mockers are not dead yet. Through the Apostle Peter and perhaps John and James (not more than three-1 Corinthians 14:27) God set the "gift of tongues" in the church; and by this gift of tongues, He made known to the seventeen nationalities the wonderful works of God. One may receive the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues as evidence of his Baptism and yet never receive the gift of tongues or any of the other nine gifts of the Spirit. However, all Spirit-filled believers should earnestly desire the best gifts. No one will ever receive any of the nine gifts until after he has received the Spirit Baptism. with the initial evidence of speaking in the unknown

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LISTEN TO ISAIAH 28:11, 12, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith (tongues) ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Jesus said, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:47). "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice . . ." (John 10:26, 27).

At one time travelers had to cross lonely deserts on foot or by camel. They would often travel for days, carrying their water and supplies with them. In the middle of one particular desert was a large oasis, where the travelers would stop to rest and water their animals. They would refill their water vessels and start out again to cross the barren wasteland. One day, a very wicked man posted a sign on the oasis, reading, "Poison Water-Do Not Drink!" Later a large group of travelers came to the oasis. They read the sign "Poison Water" and they were greatly perplexed. If they turned back, they would surely perish; if they drank of the water, they would die, and they could not make the rest of the journey across the desert without watering the animals and refreshing themselves. After much discussion, they decided to try to make it on across, but they perished in the hot sands of the plains all because a false sign had been placed near the refreshment to ward them off.

Some today are trying to erect imaginary signs for the Christian traveler and unbeliever to read, which say, "Poison doctrine. Do not drink. Beware! Do not listen. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the doctrine of the devil." Many are listening and falling by the wayside.

Peter and Jude warned that there would be false teachers in the last days with many following them speaking evil of things they understood not; and one thing in particular that they do not understand but speak evil of is speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians

14:2). Jesus said, "He that believeth . . . shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16). Paul said, God set tongues in the church—not in a church, but in the church. He also said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more (not more tongues, but tongues more) than ye all" (1 Corinthians 14:18). Friend, whatever you have to say about it, remember that it is a sign to the unbeliever and we are commanded not to forbid speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:39).

Christ has an unchangeable priesthood. Jude said to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. There is one faith, one baptism, one plan of redemption for the Jew or gentile, for the early Church, and for the Church today. Do all speak with tongues? No, only those who receive the Holy Ghost speak

with tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:19 is no weapon to use against tongues when we consider what the apostle had in mind. Notice the phrase, "That by my voice I might teach others." No man can understand the Spirit's voice; therefore, Paul says that in the church, as a teacher, five words are better (that is, better for the church) than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. When one is speaking to the church, he should speak in a language easily understood, that the hearers may be edified.

In verse 27, Paul is instructing the church how to use the gift of tongues. In speaking to the church by the gift of tongues, it is to be one at a time and never more than three; but in a regular service, such as the one in Acts 2:4, one hundred and twenty were speaking in—not the gift but—the sign tongues. When this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and by the same Spirit, God gave the apostles the "gift of tongues."

In the revival of Acts 10, all that heard the word received the Holy Ghost, and all spake with tongues at the same time. In Acts 19, twelve men received the Holy Ghost and all began to speak with tongues and prophesy. There is not one scripture in all the Bible against speaking in tongues. Every writer of the New Testament spoke with tongues; Jesus spoke with tongues and said "he that believeth shall speak with tongues."

It is the unbeliever and the unlearned who accuse us of being mad (1 Corinthians 14:23). It is the false prophet who speaks evil of things he understands not (2 Peter 2:1-12; 1 Corinthians 14:2). It is the hard-hearted unbeliever who speaks evil of this way (Acts 19:1-9). But he that is of God heareth God's words, and man shall not live by bread alone, but by every

word of God.

We are living in the last days when the true light is shining, the latter rain is falling, and "the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" This spoke He of the Holy Ghost. Many have received this glorious experience, being witnessed by the speaking of tongues. When the perfect state comes, all the languages of the nations cease; God returns to the people the one and pure language; then tongues (plural) shall cease and we shall know as we are known.

MILITANT AND PASSIVE FAITH

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believes. Militant faith naturally is that faith which we all have need of today. Militant faith can hear the professors of colleges hoot at God's Word and listen to their pseudo proofs against it and still believe implicitly in the Word of God. Militant faith can watch the doctor sadly shake his head and still believe that God will heal. Militant faith can know well what Satan has to say and still believe that God is true. We have to reach only one plane of faith for whatever we desire from God-the plane of effective faith. At times our faith will meet no opposition and we can reach this plane instantly and easily and God will recognize it. There will be other times that our faith must have muscle-it must fight and struggle against opposition to reach the effective plane. It must war against opposing powers. It must overcome that which would destroy it. This is militant faith. You do not need more faith for some things than for others, but in some things a passive faith is sufficient and in others a militant faith is required. It does not need to be forced upon you, that militant faith-faith with muscle is the faith that we need today. It will fight its way against the powers of darkness into the effective plane.

". . . AND IF CHILDREN"

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and cordiality. It is true that there is a singular respect which children hold for their father, and a singular respect for mother as queen of the home. Yet a feeling of genuine equality and harmony prevails for we are a family, and love for each other is a greater force than that of even respect, or earning power, or station in life.

Similarly, in the spiritual, Paul expressed this feeling, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." What a blessedness to spend a life in communion with the Lord. Not only should we have special seasons of prayer, but I believe it is possible to enjoy constant companionship with the Lord, not always evidenced by words or audible prayers. Someone has observed, "When you are in the presence of a casual friend or a new acquaintance, a steady flow of words is needed, but when in the presence of a close friend, words are not needed constantly."

The church has been assailed by some as a needless institution which has been superseded by good religious radio and television broadcasts, but no where can one find the warmth of friendship which we can find in the company of fellow Christians. Many today are lonely, disillusioned, and virtually friendless because they have never settled down long enough in a good holiness church to find the fellowship their heart craves. By refusing discipline and responsibility they have also deprived themselves of fellowship, comfort, and strength. "By this we know that we have

passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

"And if children!" Paul exclaims that through our position as sons, we have fallen heir to the riches of heaven. It is not a bequeathal of temporal wealth, for most of us shall possess little more than the minimum. To fall heir to a vast sum of money or property is a privilege only afforded a very few, but the promise given here is meant to include every bloodwashed child of God. Indeed, if this bequeathal were one of temporal wealth, every greedy, conniving crook would follow after Christ for such an inheritance. But the verse is provisional in its promise, "And IF children." As the shepherd knows his sheep so the Father knows His children. This bequeathal of eternal hope and bliss is only made to HIS CHILDREN.

CHRISTIANITY—ACTIVE OR PASSIVE

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there is *life*, there is activity. A vibrantly alive Christian will never be found inactive. An active Christian exhilarates; a passive Christian has a numbing effect. An active Christian is an asset to Christianity; a passive Christian a liability. If we as a local church or a church body are to operate in the black, our assets must outweigh our liabilities. *This* cannot be ignored.

300-VOICE YOUTH CHOIR TO SING AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An invitation is being given to Church of God young people throughout the nation to sing in the youth choir which will be featured on youth night, August 20, at the General Assembly.

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God's love for the world is both the message and the motive of missions. God's love is what we have to tell, and God's love is why we have to tell it.—Ben L. Rose.

Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work, body and soul.—Charles Buxton.

The tongue blessing God without the heart is but a tinkling cymbal; the heart blessing God without the tongue is sweet but still music; both in concert make their harmony which fills and delights heaven and earth.—R. Venning.

The worst days of darkness through which I have ever passed have been greatly alleviated by throwing myself with all my energy into some work relating to others.—James A. Garfield.

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Recovers After Heart Attack

CLEVELAND, Ohio — I am praising the dear Lord for victory over sin and the devil and for over sin and the devil and for God's great healing power. About three weeks ago I had a very bad heart attack; it seemed that death was on my body. I was rushed to the hospital emergency room and about six or seven doctors were called in I can remember I held on called in. I can remember I held on to God until I was healed. I started talking to the doctors, and they said they were going to take me back home. I told the doctor I would walk home. I got out of that hospital and walked home by mynospital and walked nome by myself. They gave me some tablets to take, and I threw them away. Praise God for ever! Suffering ones, have faith in God. If you are suffering in body and would like for me to fast and pray for you, please write me. I pray all pight long at times never eleging. might long at times, never closing my eyes for sleep; I have a burden to pray. My address is: 3817 West 22 Place, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Healed and in Church Again

CLEVELAND, Ohio—This is my testimony of how God touched my body when Brother J. R. Holt came in to pray for me. The doctors said that they couldn't do anything else for me. On June 2 I was sent home from the hospital with cancer. Brother J. R. Holt came to pray for me, and when he came the fingers on my right hand were so stiff I could hardly close my hand and straighten my fingers until Brother Holt started talking to me. It was then that God touched my hand and healed my hand and touched my body.

I had not been able to go to church in about 6 months, but last night, which was June 8, I went to a Pentecostal church. God wonderfully blessed me. All who read this testimony, pray for me that I will live closer to the dear Lord and be ready when He calls me.

I have a husband and children that are out in sin, so please pray for them that God will touch them

that are out in sin, so please pray for them that God will touch them before it is too late.

—Mrs. Grace McMahan

Miracle of Improvement

PULASKI, Va.—I praise God for returning my perfect health to me. Following a stomach sickness since 1952, I suffered from severe nervous trouble since 1954.

trouble since 1954.

I was saved after I heard Billy Graham preach and received the Holy Spirit in my local church at the Church of God in Pulaski, Virginia, 3 years ago. I wrote Oral Roberts for prayer for my health and a miracle of improvement started in my life. Then God's presence entered me while reading Oral Robert's book, If You Need Healing, Do These Things. His light, peaceful presence went all through me. I promised God I would try not to sin any in the future. The doctor says I am a well person now. Hallelujah! well person now. Hallelujah!

The Bible is my favorite book. God is all good and is able to save, heal, fill one with the Holy Spirit, and supply one's every need. I want to be a Church of God mem-ber all my life. Pray that I will always do God's will.

-James Mabry, Jr.

God Can Do the Impossible

HORSESHOE BEACH. Brother Paul Pinner came in from work one afternoon with his eyes swollen almost together. He was planning to go to the district fellowship meeting as soon as he could get ready. Before much time had passed, his eyes were swollen completely together. We learned that on his job, as he poured a strong acid, some of the acid splashed up into one eye. They carried him to the hospital the next day and brought him back that night. When the church learned of the accident, they had prayer. After service, Sister Griffin, our pastor, and another member went to his home and prayed for him. We found him Brother Paul Pinner came in from tor, and another member went to his home and prayed for him. We found him suffering intensely. Every few moments, by doctor's orders, his wife had to pull the eyelid up and put a salve in his eye. Each time the flesh would tear up and bleed. We prayed for him immediately and the pain eased for

the first time. The next morning the swelling was almost gone, and he could open his eyes and see. The doctor thought he would never see out of that eye again, but, praise the Lord, He can do the im-possible. We do praise God. Pray for us here at Horseshoe Beach.

-Mildred M. Griffin, Reporter

Child Healed of Third-Degree Burns

MESA, Ariz.—I want to tell how wonderful Jesus has been to us. My little girl, Pamela, 4, got her feet burned with third-degree burns. The doctor said skin would have to be grafted on one foot or her foot would draw, and she would be crippled. That was on a Monday. He said to bring her back, and he would have another doctor see it and make the hospital arrangements. Thank the good Lord for people who believe in God and can help us get through to Jesus. Everyone in the valley was praying. We took her back on Tuesday, and the doctors were amazed. They said no skin would have to be grafted; her foot would be as good as new. A month has passed and we can't tell where it was burned. Isn't that like Jesus; what He does He does completely. We praise God for hearing our cry. He has been so good to us.

-Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bledsaw

The Way Grows Sweeter

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — I am writing a few words of praise in a testimony thanking the Lord for His many blessings, for the way He hears and answers prayers, for His great healing power, and for His great healing power, and for the way He keeps me each day. The way grows sweeter as I grow older. I am 75 years old and was saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost about 20 years ago. I have a determination in my heart to serve Him.

I was sick about all this past winter with the flu and other troubles, but the Lord healed me. I love the good clean way of right living.

living.

I desire the prayers of everyone.

—Mrs. Alice Rogers

Healed and Enjoying Health

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—I was sick in bed and thought my time had come to die. My mother, Mrs. W. C. Rampey, came to visit me and to help me all that she could. Mother is a Holy Ghost-filled woman who stands on divine healing. She told me to write the Rev. L. G. Rouse, of Newport, Tennessee, and ask

him to pray for me. I did so. On Wednesday night, May 28, at 9:30, the Rev. Rouse called me. I was so weak that I could not sit up. When he prayed for me, I was healed from head to toe. I felt so strong and good that I sat up most of the night thanking and praising God for His healing nower. The God for His healing power. The next day I cleaned up my house, put out a big washing, and cooked my dinner. I am standing on divine healing and ask God's blessing on my life. I want to walk and talk for Jesus and do His will in my life. I am enjoying the blessings of health and strength that I didn't have before have before.

-Mrs. Edward D. Newman

God Has Never Failed Me

DAYTON, Ohio — I have been healed by the power of God many times in the past six and a half years, but I want to testify in the Evangel as I promised God I would.

There was something like a burning sore in the pit of my stomach. To touch or press it the least bit would make it hurt with a dull, burning ache. I prayed about it all along, but it seemed as if I couldn't get any answer from God. It finally get any analyses from Got. It finds got so bad that I decided to see a doctor and find out what it was, but I didn't really want to go. I knew that God could heal me. I set a day to go see the doctor, but two a day to go see the doctor, but two or three days before the set time, while on the job, I went to the basement to pray. As I knelt there and talked to God, I said, "God, I know you can heal me, for you made me and I belong to you." I told God how He had healed me so many times before when I was on the job. I promised God that I would testify in the Evangel and everywhere I could. I felt as if I were healed as I came out of my little secret prayer chamber. I am little secret prayer chamber. I am still healed. My stomach feels fine. I love to trust God for all my needs. In time of sickness, my first thought of help is God. He has never failed me. —Charles Butler

Healed of Stomach Trouble

SEAGRAVES, Texas—I would like to testify to being healed of stomach trouble. For 2 years I had something wrong with my stomach. Three different doctors said that I would never be well again. I had to take medicine all the time and stay in bed a lot. I finally had a heart attack and almost died. We called our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister McCoy, and some of the church people to pray. God touched my body but didn't completely heal me until last Sun-day night. God wonderfully healed

my body and I felt that I should write my testimony. I told God that if He would heal me I would give my testimony and sing His praise. He is giving me back my strength.

I need your prayers that I will always be in God's will.

—Mrs. Ruby Shuffield

Back Injury Completely Healed

ODUM, Ga.—I want to send my testimony of healing to praise God from whom all blessings flow. I had suffered over a year with a back injury caused from a fall. As I was prayed for by a faithful pastor, the Spirit of the Lord moved mightly upon me and I was completely healed June 3. I am very thankful and give God all the praise and honor for the many times I have been divinely healed.

-Thelma Carter

God Healed Through "Evangel"

GIBSON, Ga .- I want to say that there is still power in the blood to heal. My daughter had a serious operation on Tuesday, June 10. Her kidneys had not functioned properly since she was operated on and eriy since she was operated on and it was the following Friday. I laid the Church of God Evangel on her, and we prayed and told God that I would put this testimony in the Evangel. I am happy to say that by night she was getting along fine. Pray for us.

-Mrs. Charlie Morgan

Miracle After Being Hit by Car

MAX MEADOWS, Va. — I wish very much to praise Christ for the marvelous way He spared the life of my small daughter. She was struck by a car and was in serious condition, but Jesus healed her and it was a miracle to everyone.

I had a great experience during this time of trial. I had often wondered how the Holy Ghost would work for anybody. The day she was hit the power of God cried and talked to God through me in my behalf before I even knew she was hit. He was a great Comforter for me. I wish I could really express my thanks to God and to everyone who prayed for her. I didn't really know how much faith I did have until then. I do thank God for healing her and giving me the grace to carry me through my trials. I love Him more each day and with each trial I grow closer to Him. —Mrs. Graham Dean to Him.



Mrs. Floyd Winter

Healed of Multiple Sclerosis

CHILDERSBURG, Ala. — I am very grateful for what God has done for me. I had multiple sclerosis, hay fever, arthritis, and a very painful back trouble. I didn't know exactly what was wrong until I went to the Mayo Clinic last August. In October, 1956, I lost the vision in my left, eye. That was caused by the multiple sclerosis. It does so many terrible things to its victims. The Church of God here in Childersburg really went before the Lord in my behalf and God re-stored the vision in that eye, but I was slowly becoming paralyzed. They told me at the Mayo Clinic that there wasn't anything they could do for me.

I think in every service at the church they prayed for me. It was very encouraging to know that my brothers and sisters in the Lord were so concerned about me. It was

when I learned that Brother Oral Roberts was coming to Bir-mingham, I said, "Lord, now is the time for me to exercise my faith in you. As Brother Roberts lays his hands on me and believes, I will release my faith to you." I am a different person now. I was so paralyzed that I could hardly walk, talk or anything else. That night I came home believing the work was done though I didn't feel much different in my body. The next. different in my body. The next morning I was much better and in the next few days, the paralysis was gone and my speech was normal. All pain was gone and my vision was normal. That was May 13 and I have been steadily gaining strength and am leading a normal life. I can't read enough of God's Word. It has become so precious to me, for He sent His Word and healed me. Praise His name! -Mrs. Floyd Winters



MONTGOMERY

Mrs. Josie (Morrow) Montgomery, age 59, gently slipped from this life to her reward on June 19, 1957. She was a member of the Church of God for 25 years. She was a faithful mother and wife and loved her home, family and church. Sister Montgomery was patient through her afflictions, often giving good advice to the youth, and was kind and generous to everyone. Surviving are her husband, giving good advice to the youth, and was kind and generous to everyone. Surviving are her husband, Worley T. Montgomery, of Culberson, North Carolina; 2 sons, Charles Astor, of Chilo, and Kenneth, of the home; 3 daughters, Mrs. Dillard McAfee and Mrs. Harvie Stiles, of Culberson, and Mrs. Guy Brittian, of Murphy, North Carolina; 2 brothers, William and Jimmle Morrow; 3 sisters, Elsie and Nora, of Kentucky, Mrs. Tom Bandy, of Copperhill, Tennessee; 14 grand-children and 4 great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held June 21 at Harris Chapel Church of God with the former pastor, Glover P. Ledford, Rev. Robert Bell, present pastor, and Rev. Halcomb officiating. The body was buried in the old campground cemetery, Flax Creek, to await the resurrection. She is beckoning us to come on; it will be a glad reunion day.

—Ella Jenkins, Reporter

McCRACKEN

Sister Alcy J. McCracken, 47, departed this life to be with Jesus on March 11, 1958.

Left to mourn her departure are her husband, 2 daughters—Mrs. Mary Willis and Mrs. Annie Fitzgerald—and 3 grandchildren.

Sister McCracken was a faithful member to the Church of God for 20 years; the last 2 years were at

member to the Church of God for 20 years; the last 2 years were at the Rockville, Md., church. She is greatly missed by all who knew her. She left this life praising the Lord. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Douglas H. Poole.

—Eva McCracken

Dorothy Forrester

ROSS

The Rev. Everett S. Ross of Lebanon, Ohio, died May 30, 1958, at the Veterans' Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Ross was a member of the Church of God, Ravenna, Kentucky. —Rev. T. A. Perkins Overseer of Kentucky

OSTEEN

The church here at Horseshoe Beach, Florida, misses Sister Bessie Osteen since she passed away. One evening as she was trying to get ready for service, the sisters that she was going to ride with came for her. She went to the door and told them she would be ready in a few moments. She stepped back to the bed to get her dress. She soon departed this life to be in the service with the heavenly beings.

-Mildred M. Griffin, Reporter

COOPER

Our beloved husband and father went to be with Jesus on May 25, 1958. Brother S. R. Cooper was a charter member of the Church of God in Jal, New Mexico. He loved Jesus and always admonished everyone to read His words and to obey them. He was 84 years, 3 months, and 22 days old.

We loved Dad very much. He was so kind and patient throughout his short illness, but we know God loved him best. We miss him more than words can tell, but we

more than words can tell, but we expect to meet him in a home over there.

-Mrs. R. L. Petty, Daughter

BECK

Mrs. Susie Gillespie Beck, of Mount Airy, North Carolina, was born March 10, 1884, and lived to the age of 74 years.
Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. R. Tedder, at the Mount Airy Church of God, of which she was a charter memof which she was a charter memof which she was a charter member of 30 years. She was active until she departed this life April 8, 1958. The church people and her many friends miss her. Mr. Harris Beck, her husband, preceded her in death June 1, 1952. She is survived by 5 sons—Otis, Ellis, Charlie, Frank, and Everett Beck; 2 daughters—Mrs. Amos Sechrist and Mrs. David Sechrist; 1 brother—John Gillespie: 23 grandchildren. —John Gillespie; 23 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. —C. R. Tedder, Pastor

BRITTAIN

Frank M. Brittain, 62, a gallant soldier of the cross and faithful member of the Valdese Church of God, went to enjoy heaven's best June 9, 1958.

For 23 years a member of the Church of God, he exemplified the highest ideals of Christian endeaver. His presence radiated the power.

or. His presence radiated the power of the Holy Ghost which dominated

He is survived by his wife, 4 daughters, 4 sons, a number of relatives, and hosts of Christian brothers and sisters.

G. H. Grooms, Sr., former pastor, assisted by George Underwood, officiated at the funeral.

-W. H. Reid, Friend

CASBATT

On April 1, 1958, our dear mother, Mary Casbatt, passed away to be with Jesus. She was such a wonderful Christian and mother. How we do miss her! She had been sick all winter and suffered a lot, but

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She was a faithful member of the Church of God for 30 years. She was the wife of a retired Church of God minister and labored faithfully by his side. For the past 3 years she had been living in Columbia, South Carolina.

Sister Casbatt is survived by her husband, 5 daughters—Mrs. Fannie Dennis, Mrs. Alma Browder, Mrs. Bertha Poe, Mrs. Vera Boone, and Mrs. Isabel Mills; 2 brothers— Neil Ledbetter and Jordan Ledbetter; 20 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Church of God on Elmwood Avenue and was conducted by the Rev. L. C. Caldwell, the Rev. Linwood Jacobs, and the Rev. E. B. Boatwright. Interment was in the Olympia Cemetery.
—Mrs. Bertha Poe, Daughter

DONALD

Mrs. Carlos Donald departed this life May 26, 1958. She was a faith-ful member of the Philadelphia Church of God. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, 4 sisters, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and loved ones. Although she is missed by her church, we know she is in a better place, free from the suffering she had so patiently endured for years. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She was a bud on earth to blossom in

—Mrs. Claud Graham, reporter Neshoba, Mississippi

OWENING

Sister Willie Owening, age 76, departed this life on March 14, 1958, at her home near Talladega, Ala-bama. She was a faithful member of the Porters Gap Church of God. Sister Owening lived a beautiful life and gave many years of service to God and her church. She never complained during the many months of suffering. The only regret the church has is that we suf-fer such great loss for heaven's gain.

She is survived by 4 daughters, 2 sons, 19 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, held at the Talladega Church of God, was conducted by the Rev. J. O. McCain, pastor, and the Rev. W. L. Williamson. Interment was at the Rocky Mount Cemetery.

-Rev. J. O. McCain, pastor



By EARL T. GOLDEN, Old Fort, North Carolina

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

(Based on the Sayings of Jesus)

Monday, August 18 Scripture, Matthew 28:20

Do you long for the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus? Do you wish for assurance of help every mile of life's journey? Through each dark night or dreary day do you seek companionship? In every difficult decision do you desire the right instruction? Such is the promise of the Saviour when He says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Pray for all the Sunday School leaders and officials in the Church of God.

Tuesday, August 19 Scripture, John 14:19

"Jesus lives" and His life is the guarantee of our own. The devil could not seduce Him; death could not destroy Him; the grave could not hold Him; He arose and thank God, He lives! The sting of death is gone for the righteous because Jesus lives. The dread of a hope-less eternity can be forgotten if we believe in Him. "Jesus lives" and because He lives, we shall also live.

Pray for all the Sunday School teachers in the Church of God.

Wednesday, August 20 Scripture, John 16:20

He who turned water into wine, sickness into health, storm into calm, death into life, can turn sorrow into joy. "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." "He that goeth forth morning." "He that goeth forth and weepeth shall come again with rejoicing" "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comfort-ed." Our sorrows can become joy factories with Christ as our fore-

Pray for all the Y.P.E. leaders and officials in the Church of God.

Thursday, August 21 Scripture, Matthew 28:18

Would you go into the service of the Lord Jesus Christ if you were promised the backing of the United States government? Would you be willing to do service for Jesus if all the wealth of the world were pledged to support you? These things are not possible, yet something far greater than all these forces combined is at your disposal. Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore.

Pray for all the L.W.W.B. leaders and workers in the Church of

Friday, August 22 Scripture, John 14:27

These words are the parting leg-acy of a dying Saviour. It is a legacy of peace. It is not a world-given peace; the world does not have it and cannot give it. Jesus said, "It is my peace, I give it un-to you." He does not promise peaceful surroundings, calm circum-stances, or pleasant associations; but He does promise peace, for He is the Prince of Peace.

Pray for all the singers and musicians in the Church of God.

Saturday, August 23 Scripture, John 17:24

Jesus makes His request of the heavenly Father, "Thou hast given them to me"; "I want them where I am," "that they may behold my glory." What a day for redeemed souls when we are where Jesus is, beholding what He beholds, and enjoying what He enjoys. I mean to go there don't you? go there, don't you?

Pray for all the building projects under way in the Church of God.

The Church of God General Assembly will convene August 19-23 at the Ellis Memorial Auditorium in Memphis, Tennessee.

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